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Chief, Boston Field Office

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Probable Effects of Recent Publicity

- e. CIA's image with the general public has suffered badly.

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3. The reaction at Harvard, where the Dean of the College threatened to lead "half the faculty" in protest against the recruiter from the Office of Personnel, should he appear, is no doubt extreme, but it is indicative of what we are up against at Harvard and what we may encounter on other campuses.

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- b. The attached photocopy of an article in the Boston Globe, 21 Feb 67, is an example of the type of thing which can have a very bad effect on the image of CIA generally and DCS in particular. Since the article does not say where the reported activities took place and since Miss Padgett lives and goes to school in the Boston

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area, it is logical for readers to assume that the local CIA office was responsible for threatening R&B people over the telephone, bugging their rooms, automobiles and telephones, spying on them etc.

9. Our image has been further damaged by the paucity of high government officials who have come to our defense and conversely by the rapidity with which others either have disassociated themselves from us or have been severely critical.

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Attachment - as stated